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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITIES: HARD FIBERS

1. DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT THE NEXT PHASE OF WORK ON SISAL AND HENEQUEN WILL BEGIN WITH A REVIEW BY A PANEL OF EXPERTS OF A LIST OF PROJECTS COVERING TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENT, R&D, PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT AND MARKET PROMOTION. AFTER REVIEW THE PANEL IS TO SUBMIT ITS LIST TO A WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL REFINE THE LIST FURTHER AND SUBMIT IT TO THE FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION.

2. THE LIST WILL INITIALLY BE BASED ON THOSE SOURCES LISTED IN THE REPORT OF THE THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING. (SEE TD/B/IPC/HARD FIBERS/9 PARA 10). IN ADDITION THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED A LETTER TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS REQUESTING SUGGESTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS. IF THE USG INTENDS TO SUBMIT ANY SUGGESTIONS, THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT BY JULY 1.

3. SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO BEGUN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON COMPOSITION OF EXPERT PANEL WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER. VIEW SEEMS TO BE EMERGING THAT GOVERNMENTS

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PARTICIPATING IN THE PANEL WILL EACH SEND ONE DELEGATE FAMILIAR WITH POLICY ISSUES AND ONE EXPERT--PERHAPS FROM THE INDUSTRY--WITH FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF PRODUCTION AND/OR MARKETING PROBLEMS FOR SISAL AND HENEQUEN, INCLUDING PRODUCTS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO BEGIN EXPLORING WHO MIGHT REPRESENT THE U.S. AS THE PANEL EXPERT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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